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SUBJ:

1. THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED TODAY IN THE JOURNAL DE GENEVE, THE PRESTIGE JOURNAL OF OPINION OF FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND. IT CARRIES THE BYLINE OF CLAUDE MONNIER, THE JOURNAL'S CHIEF EDITOR:

2. THE EDITORIAL IS ENTITLED QUOTE THE AMERICANS AND RHODESIA; TO SEND THE ENGLISH INTO THE FIRE? UNQUOTE

3. QUOTE THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA HAS OPENED IN GENEVA. GOOD. BUT WHAT KIND OF A CONFERENCE IS IT AT BOTTOM?

4. QUOTE THE UNITED STATES CALLS THE SHOTS. HAVING DECIDED THAT THE SOVIET PENETRATION IN ANGOLA WAS MORE THAN THEY COULD STAND, HAVING ALSO DECIDED THAT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THE BLACK MAJORITIES ULTIMATELY WOULD HAVE THE LAST WORD, THEY (THE AMERICANS) HAVE CONCLUDED THAT FROM NOW ON THEIR POLICY WOULD BE TO FAVOR, IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, THE BLACK NATIONALISTS.

5. QUOTE THE FIRST INNER QUOTE VICTIM CLOSE INNER QUOTE
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OF THIS NEW POLICY WAS ALL PICKED OUT: MR. IAN SMITH.

THE RHODESIAN PREMIER IS IN FACT TOO FEEBLE TO RESIST THE AMERICANS EFFECTIVELY, YET HE IS SUFFICIENTLY DANGEROUS SO THAT INNER QUOTE BRINGING HIM TO HEEL CLOSE INNER QUOTE TAKES ON THE ASPECT OF A STRIKING AMERICAN VICTORY. ONE CAN THUS ASSERT THAT SMITH WAS LITERALLY BROUGHT TO GENEVA BY THE AMERICANS.

6. QUOTE BUT, ONCE MORE, TO NEGOTIATE WHAT, SINCE HE DOESN'T CARRY THE BALL? CERTAINLY MR. SMITH IS TRYING TO PASS THE BALL (AND THE DIFFICULTY) TO THE AMERICANS BY PROCLAIMING LOUDLY THAT HE COMES TO NEGOTIATE ON THE INNER QUOTE KISSINGER PACKAGE CLOSE INNER QUOTE AND NOTHING ELSE. BUT IN TRUTH, AMERICA, THE FIRST WORLD POWER, HAVING SO DECIDED, MR. SMITH IS IN GENEVA TO SETTLE THE DETAILS NOT ONLY OF HIS OWN REMOVAL BUT ALSO -- WHY PRETEND TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? -- THE DISPERSION OF THE WHITE MINORITY IN RHODESIA.

7. THE AMERICAN PLAN HAS A FAULT, NONETHELESS. BY DEMANDING THAT THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN RHODESIA A BIRACIAL TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, THEY TAKE IN FACT THE RISK OF HAVING TO ARBITRATE POLITICALLY AND EVEN MILITARILY BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS, DURING THIS PERIOD IN WHICH THE TENSIONS WILL BE EXACERBATED TO A POINT WHICH WILL BE AT TIMES UNBEARABLE.

8. IN IS CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON HAS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS REALIZED SHARPLY THE DANGER THAT IT THUS FACES OF FINDING ITSELF BOGGED DOWN AGAIN IN RHODESIA AS BEFORE IN VIETNAM. THAT IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE REASON WHY MR. KISSINGER'S MAN FOR AFRICA, WILLIAM SCHAUFELLE, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO ARRIVED IN GENEVA ON SATURDAY, IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT CONVINCING THE BRITISH (WHO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE) TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING, HEADING AND MAKING FUNCTION THE BIRACIAL TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA.

9. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE AMERICANS IN CLEAR: TO SEND THE ENGLISH INTO THE FIRE IN THEIR PLACE. IF, IN FACT, GREAT BRITAIN (WHO, IT SHOULD BE SAID IN PASSING, IS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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AT ALL DISPOSED TO DO SO) SHOULD ACCEPT THIS TASK, HOW COULD IT AVOID, IF THINGS TURN OUT BADLY, SENDING TROOPS TO RHODESIA TO PROTECT THE WHITE MINORITY?

10. WASHINGTON ASSERTS THAT GREAT BRITAIN MUST ASSUME TO THE END THE INNER QUOTE RESPONSIBILITY CLOSE INNER QUOTE WHICH BECAME HERS BY COLONIZING RHODESIA; KIPLING NO DOUBT WOULD SAY: THE WHITE MAN CANNOT LAY DOWN HIS

INNER QUOTE BURDEN CLOSE INNER QUOTE JUST BECAUSE HE IS
TIRED OF CARRYING IT.

11. IN SUM, THE AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO ACT IN RHODESIA
THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE BRITISH, A BIT LIKE THE
SOVIETS IN ANGOLA CONDUCTED THEIR POLITICO-MILITARY
OPERATIONS THROUGH CUBAN INTERMEDIARIES. THE TWO SUPER-
POWERS ALWAYS HAVE TAKEN CARE TO MOVE THEIR PAWNS ON THE
CHESSBOARD BY AVOIDING THE RISK OF DIRECT CONFRONTATION.

12. AS FOR GREAT BRITAIN, SHE CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE--
AT A TIME WHEN SHE EXPECTS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE AMERICANS,
THE SALVATION OF THE POUND STERLING -- THE MEANS OF
RESISTING FOR LONG THE PRESSING ADVICE OF WASHINGTON.
AT THE SAME TIME, HER MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCES WILL
BE ABLE TO PUT UP ONLY A TINY BARRIER IN RHODESIA TO
THE TEMPEST WHICH IS BREWING. AND IF THIS BARRIER YIELDS,
THE AMERICANS WILL BE CONDEMNED TO INTERVENE. BUT IN A
CATASTROPHE AND UNDER WORSE CIRCUMSTANCES. THERE ARE
FATALITIES WHICH A SUPERPOWER DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ABLE
TO ESCAPE. CLOSE QUOTE.CATTO

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